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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: TENMEI, et al.
Application No.: 09/698,168 ✓
Filed: October 30, 2000
For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS INCLUDING INSULATING
LAYER HAVING A PROTRUSIVE PORTION (As Amended)
Art Unit: 2814
Examiner: D. Nguyen

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 1, 2003

Sir:

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Nguyen for her courtesy and helpfulness during a telephone interview conducted on July 31, 2003 with regard to the above-identified application.

During the course of this telephone interview, the amending of claims 35, 49 and 50 to include clarifying amendments was discussed. In particular, these amendments were discussed for purposes of clarifying the antecedent basis regarding the "electrically insulating layer" and "the inclined portion" and "the flat portion" in claims 35, 49 and 50. In addition, Examiner Nguyen requested authorization to amend the penultimate paragraph of claims 49 and 50 to change "a flat portion of the insulating layer having a substantial uniform thickness" to "a flat portion of the electrically insulating layer near boundary between the inclined portion and the flat portion having a substantially uniform thickness." It is noted that this

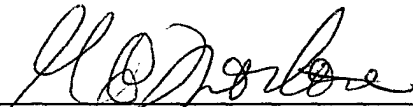
corresponds to language used in independent claim 35. Accordingly, as a result of the interview, it was agreed that Examiner Nguyen would make this change by Examiner's amendment to place the case in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.339241X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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